

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

Aaron Bell, Executive Director, with Southeastern Indiana Recycling District came to give the Commissioners his annual report. Jennings County had 740,484 lbs. of recyclables in 2017. Mr. Bell said that Jennings County Recycle Center is one of the best run centers in the District and the County should be proud. Mr. Bell said that the Youth Education Presentations have increased; 1,961 youth attended a District presentation in 2017. There were 565 adults who attended an Adult Education Presentation in 2017. Mr. Bell thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

Next on the agenda was Rodger Chappelow of Columbia Twp concerning his road 650 E. Mr. Chappelow had pictures showing the condition of the road and it is barely passable with all the potholes and ruts.

Matt Sporleder told Mr. Chappelow that when there is a break in the weather, he would have someone come out and make the road passable again but with the big farm semis and the loggers using that road, it would be useless to try and pave or chip and seal the road. Mr. Sporleder did say that he would try to chip and seal in front of his house this summer to cut down on the dust.

Next were Stephanie Applegate and Travis Maschino with the 4-H Livestock Committee addressing the Commissioners about the electrical needs of the swine and cattle barn. Ms. Applegate stated that she had met with Greg Wilds, County Maintenance person, and had walked through to show Mr. Wilds what they were proposing to do. Several new outlets were needed in both barns and Ms. Applegate assured the Commissioners that there was plenty of room in the breaker box of both barns. The 4-H Livestock Committee obtained 3 quotes for the work to be done. Biehle Electric \$9,838.75; Bode Electric \$11,651 and Craig Lee \$15,850. The Committee has chosen to go with Biehle Electric and was asking for assistance in payment from the County.

After much discussion, Bob Willhite made a motion to pay half of the lowest bid, contingent on finding the money in the budget; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Greg Wilds had a few things to discuss with the Commissioners. First was a quote from Ken Neely, who has been doing some restoration at the Courthouse. The quote was for interior plaster and paint phase 2. Mr. Wilds and Mr. Neely had done a walk through in the courthouse and found some more cracks in plaster that they felt needed attention. Total labor and material is \$6,557.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve \$6,557 quote for interior plaster and paint phase 2. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Greg Wilds addressed and old heater in the old jail currently housing Superior Probation Office. Mr. Wilds stated that this is where documents are stored and he wanted permission to have it repaired rather than having it replaced or rebuilt. Mr. Wilds stated last time the repair lasted 4 years but could not guarantee a time frame but felt repairing was the way to go; otherwise to replace the stem coil would be \$1100 or to replace the complete unit around \$1800.

Bob Willhite made the motion to repair the heater; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Mr. Wilds stated he had completed the counter relocation for the Treasurer and in doing so had to replace some of the carpet. The carpet in front of the counter is in need of cleaning along with the rest of the office and he had a quote from Mills Carpet Cleaning of \$90 and was asking the Commissioners to approve this expense. Mr. Sporleder was concerned if some of the carpet might not need replaced after cleaning.

Bob Willhite made a motion to clean the Treasurer's office and replace any squares of carpet as needed. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Auditor Vance had received a letter from Historic Hoosier Hills asking counties to up their annual donation if possible.

Bob Willhite made a motion to stay with the \$250 donation for the county; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Erin Anderson AMCCO Economic Development & Community Outreach Director for Atterbury-Muscatatuck letting the Commissioners know that there will be heavy traffic on the days leading up to and after the training exercises at the Fairgrounds in April. As she receives more information, she will pass it on.

Ms. Anderson then told the Commissioners about a new IVY TECH Cyber Academy taking place at MUTC. It is an Associate degree program concentrated into 11 months. There are 40 slots available for students and there will be one professor who will live on site 24/7. They will receive 3 certificates and when finished will be able to go out and get a Cyber job anywhere in the Country. They are pushing for military people just starting into the military and those transitioning out but it is also open to the public. So there could be 40 new people in the county for 11 months of the year. Registration is through IVY TECH unless they are in the Indiana National Guard, then they need to start with Ms. Anderson at Atterbury because she needs some information for tracking purposes. It is an exciting new program and is the only one like it in the entire state. You only need to be a high school graduate to apply.

The classes will be held on Monday through Friday with long days as a 24 month course is being condensed into 11 months and everyone will be given a key to a dorm available even through the weekends for the students to stay but it is not mandatory that they stay.

Sheriff Driver wanted to let the Commissioners know that the Sheriff's department has acquired a second Bite/Drug Dog at no cost to the County. The Sheriff stated he did not purchase the dog; it was purchased by a civilian and proved too much for him to handle so has donated the dog to the County. This will allow having a dog available on day and night shifts. This is also good timing as the North Vernon Police dog is retiring. The dog is certified but not in the program so handler Alan Richie is working with the dog to get him certified and then Cody Low will be the handler. The new dog's name is Thor.

Ruth Bosch, Director of the Senior Center, asked the Sheriff if either of the dogs has GPS and the Sheriff stated they do not. Mrs. Bosch stated the Senior Center would like to donate GPS devices for the dogs and she will get with the Sheriff concerning this.

Auditor Vance had a pay application #4 for Bradshaw Building Specialties, Inc. from FPBH, Inc. in the amount of \$123,840 for the Fairgrounds Renovation.

Bob Willhite made a motion to pay \$123,840 pay application from Bradshaw Building Specialties, Inc.; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims and payroll; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Matt Sporleder asked anyone in the audience and the other 2 Commissioners if they had any ideas for the new jail site, because he has exhausted every place and has run out of ideas.

The Chicken Farm was mentioned and it was stated there would be plenty of acreage there to expand later if necessary. Mr. Sporleder stated that he would have it checked out to see the possibility of acquiring some property.

With no further business, Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

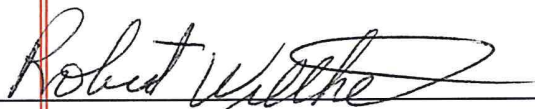
Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane